

# YHA Wye Valley

## 060 Goodrich Castle

### River and woodland walk

**Distance:** 6.1 miles (9.8km) **Ascent:** 218m (715ft)

**Time:** Allow 2h 45m to 4h 30m

**Map:** OS Explorer 1:25k (OL14) Wye Valley & Forest of Dean / Dyffryn Gwy a Fforest y Ddena

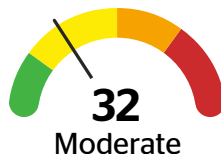
**Start/Finish:** OS Locate SO 591 177 **what3words** ///innovate.blinking.monopoly

A lovely walk to take in the view from Coppet Hill, then on to Goodrich Castle and returning along the River Wye. From the hostel go through the parking area and take the path on the right heading uphill. Join the lane, turn left and follow the road. Pass the track to The Windles, cross over a cattle grid and take the signed track heading uphill to the left. Follow the path to the trig point. Turn right and head downhill to join the road at Goodrich. Go straight ahead, cross over a road bridge and turn right onto Castle Lane to Goodrich Castle. Retrace your steps to cross the road bridge. Cross the bridge and immediately after turn left to take the steps down to the road. Follow the road straight ahead and turn right onto the footpath before Kerne Bridge. Follow the riverside path until the church at Welsh Bicknor, then back to the hostel.

### Hazards

Caution required on the road sections, some without footpaths. May be cattle in fields. Deep water. Do not walk this route if the river is flooded.

This route has been created by YHA to provide inspiration and to aid planning and preparation of your walk. It doesn't replace the need for an OS Map or the OS Maps App to navigate your walk safely. Digital maps are a guide and do not always reflect the conditions on the ground, ensure you are aware of your immediate surroundings.



### Accessibility

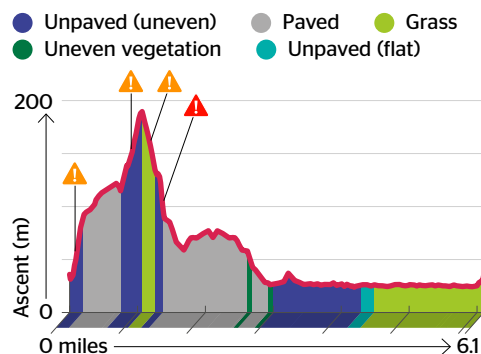
There are stiles on the route and gates and paths less than one metre wide. The terrain is rough, uneven and sloping in places, with ruts or stones up to 10cm.

### Navigation

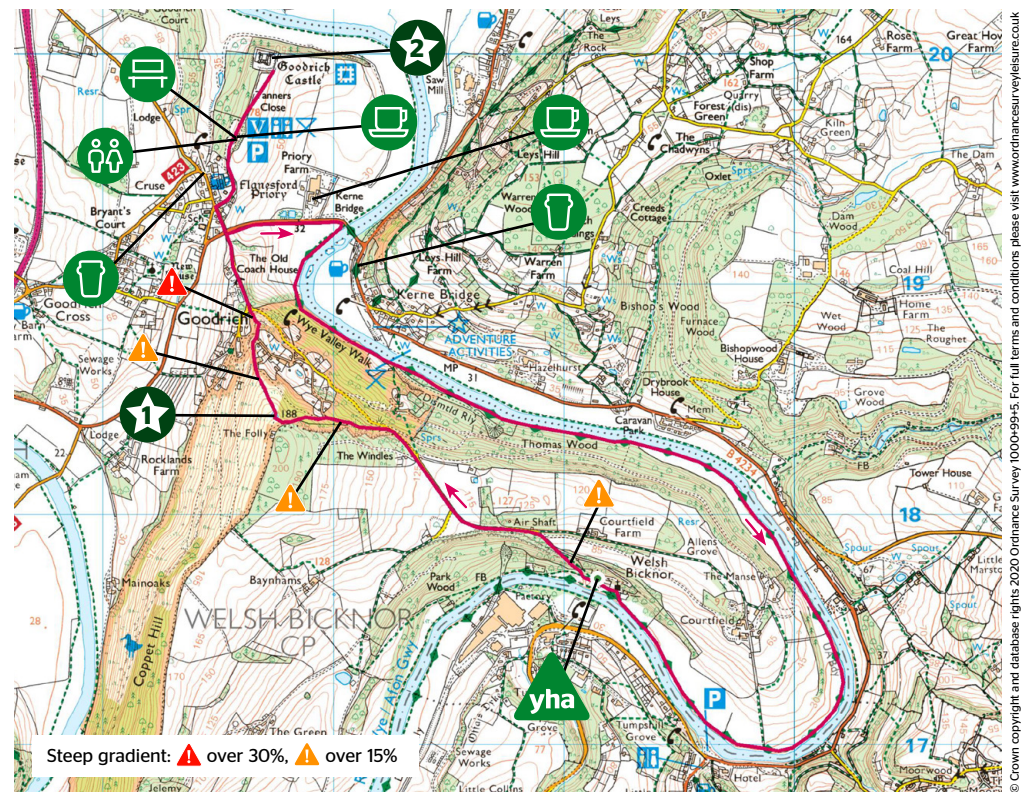
Straightforward navigation following obvious footpaths and roads. Signs along the riverside path.

### Terrain

Mostly good paths and tarmac lanes. Occasional patches of mud. May be some fallen trees to navigate.



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### Points of interest (see map)

The riverside scenery is lovely. **1** Great views from the trig point on Coppet Common. **2** Goodrich Castle operated by English Heritage (entry fee applies).



### Facilities (see map)

Pub in Goodrich, café, shop and toilets at Goodrich Castle. Weekend café at Flanesford Priory. Pub at Kerne Bridge (across the bridge).



### Seats at Goodrich Castle (see map)



**Not wheelchair accessible**



**Not a touch free route**



**Not pushchair accessible**



**Not stile free**

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We hope you have a great time.

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To make it easy for everyone to enjoy walking from YHA hostels, we have curated three walks – an easy, moderate, and more challenging option. They have all been graded – the higher the grade, the more challenging the route.

### Before you go:

- Check the local weather forecast ([metoffice.gov.uk](https://www.metoffice.gov.uk)).
- Check the tide times for coastal routes ([tidetimes.org.uk](https://www.tidetimes.org.uk)).
- Get the right clothing, footwear and kit for the route and weather.
- Ensure you have enough time to complete the route before dark.
- Download the OS Locate and what3words apps to your phone.
- Contact 999 by SMS text (must pre register by texting 'register' to 999) ([relayuk.bt.com/emercencysms](https://relayuk.bt.com/emercencysms)).
- For further information on how to stay safe visit [adventuresmart.uk](https://adventuresmart.uk)

**In case of emergency** call 999 (or text 999 if pre-registered) and use OS Locate or what3words to provide a detailed description of your location.

**For more walks or information on route grading and timings go to [yha.org.uk/walks](https://yha.org.uk/walks)**

If you encounter problems with this route contact [walking@yha.org.uk](mailto:walking@yha.org.uk)



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## Countryside Code

### Respect everyone

- Be considerate to those living in, working in and enjoying the countryside.
- Leave gates and property as you find them.
- Do not block access to gateways or driveways when parking.
- Be nice, say hello, share the space.
- Follow local signs and keep to marked paths unless wider access is available.

### Hazards

- Take extra care and stay alert where a right of way crosses a railway line.
- When walking on a road without a pavement keep to the right-hand side, so that you can see oncoming traffic. Keep close to the side of the road, and walk in single file if necessary. It may be safer to cross the road well before a sharp right-hand bend so that oncoming traffic has a better chance of seeing you. Cross back after the bend.
- Give wild animals, livestock and horses plenty of space.

### Protect the environment

- Take your litter home – leave no trace of your visit.
- Do not light fires and only have BBQs where signs say you can.
- Always keep dogs under control and in sight.
- Dog poo – bag it and bin it – any public waste bin will do.
- Care for nature – do not cause damage or disturbance.

### Enjoy the outdoors

- Check your route and local conditions.
- Plan your adventure – know what to expect and what you can do.
- Enjoy your visit, have fun, make a memory.

## What to wear

- Comfortable clothing suitable for the conditions.
- Use several layers, so you can add and remove clothing to regulate your temperature.
- Extra warm clothes in case it gets colder.
- Hat, gloves and scarf.
- Sun hat, sun cream and sunglasses.
- Waterproof jacket and trousers.
- Cushioning comfy socks.
- Comfortable well fitting trainers, walking shoes or boots.

## Kit

- Map and compass.
- Water, lunch and snacks.
- Charged mobile phone and portable charger.
- First aid kit.
- Torch and spare batteries.
- Rucksack, with waterproof cover or a dry bag or plastic bag inside.
- Medicines or toiletries you would usually use.

### You might also want to take

- Picnic blanket.
- Waterproof baseball cap, if you wear glasses.
- Walking poles.
- Tissues and hand sanitiser.